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B.C. Library Association Bursary Fund

In 1948 the Staff Association of the Vancouver Public Library organized a scheme of bursaries for prospective library school students. It was realized that because of the lack of a library school in this province, many who were interested in professional library work were financially unable to secure the necessary training. As a result of individual subscriptions in the Vancouver Public Library, raffles, bazaars, and entertainments of various kinds, and with generous contributions from the staff of the University of British Columbia Library, financial help in the form of bursaries was given to eight students. In 1949-50 over $600 was raised and bursaries were awarded to four students.

Interest in the bursary fund grew to such an extent that it exceeded the capacity of a small group to support it. Last year, for example, six students applied for assistance. In the spring of 1950 the British Columbia Library Association suggested that the Association take over the responsibility of collecting and administering a bursary fund similar to the one instituted by the Vancouver Public Library. The suggestion was accepted and a committee has been set up consisting of the following members:

Vancouver Public Library: Mrs. Alison C. Riddell, Chairman; Mrs. Mary Telford; Miss Elena Lesik.

University of British Columbia Library: Miss Eleanor Mercer.

Provincial Library: J. G. Mitchell.

Nanaimo (Vancouver Island Union Library): Miss Ena Young.

New Westminster: Konrad Egilson.

Fraser Valley Union Library: Bob Davison.

Okanagan Union Library: Miss M. E. Gore.

Contributions toward the fund, which is already over $200, may be sent to any of the members listed above. Enquiries regarding bursaries should be directed to the chairman, Mrs. Alison Riddell, Vancouver Public Library, as soon as possible.

The Bursary Fund needs and deserves the support of every member of B.C.L.A.

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A.L.A. Midwinter Meeting

The Midwinter Meeting of A.L.A. was held in Chicago from January 30th to February 3rd. It was busier than ever and as enjoyable as in the past.

I realized when the first meeting opened that the Americans knew they were in the midst of a national emergency and were shaping their policies accordingly. I realized also that they were conscious of the dangers to free thinking, reading, and speaking, and were presenting a more united front against them than ever before. The word "McCarthyism" has evidently been taken into the language as the term indicating what the free spirit of man is fighting against in the United States.

Mr. Cory, executive-secretary, announced his resignation and it was accepted with regret. The report on membership dues advocated a rise in fees of $1.00 at the lowest bracket, $2.00 at others. The extra money would be ear-marked for a placement service and for the directory. This report was not accepted and a more detailed one is to be brought in at the next meeting.

The Board of Education reported a most active year. Its four sub-committees brought in detailed reports. Should they be implemented, the education for librarianship will be completely overhauled. The report of the Committee on Intellectual Freedom was especially interesting. The Library Bill of Rights is to be clarified so that it will apply to censorship of all media of communication used by libraries. The Bartlesville case was reported on in detail.

The report on Minimum Library Salary Standards brought in a resolution that a revised minimum salary be considered and that 12.3% be added to basic rate. The new beginning rates will be:

Professional	$3,057
Sub-professional	$2,358
Clerical	$1,965

This was carried.

The committee on the Midwinter Meeting reported that, with a registration of 1,600 and with between 130 and 150 meetings scheduled, the conference had got quite out of hand. The hotel had difficulty in taking care of it. Some new Midwinter policy may have to be adopted. It was suggested that the Midwinter had in fact become a regional A.L.A. conference for the North Central States.

—Irene McAfee

B.C.L.A. delegate to A.L.A. Council.

Public Library Commission

Mr. H. Norman Lidster and Mr. E. S. Robinson have been re-appointed to the Public Library Commission for three-year terms commencing December 1, 1950.

The Public Library Commission met with the Cabinet on January 16 and presented a brief on the question of scheduled grants for public libraries on the basis of the scale set out in the revised "Programme for Library Development in British Columbia."

A major project of the Commission in 1950 was a survey of the union libraries, which was carried out in co-operation with the respective library boards and staffs with the aim of obtaining information and formulating recommendations which may assess the effectiveness of operations during the past twenty years and assist in determining policies for the future. The report of the survey is now available to those interested.

The revision and consolidation of the "Programme for Library Development in British Columbia," prepared by a joint committee of the Commission and the Association under the chairmanship of Mr. W. E. Ireland, has recently been completed and distributed to a wide mailing list. Copies of the consolidation and also of the original report may be obtained from the Commission.

Library questions decided at municipal elections in December included the official entry of Campbell River into Vancouver Island Union Library District, approval by the ratepayers of the City of North Vancouver of $1.00 per capita support of the local Public Library Association and the decision to establish a municipal public library in Kamloops. Vernon turned down membership in Okanagan Union Library District.

The Commission has been constantly in touch with Provincial authorities with regard to the appointment of a librarian for the Attorney-General's Department following the resignation of Mr. Lort in June, 1950. Word was received late in January that the Department had accepted the application of Mr. Konrad Egilson, at that time on the staff of New Westminster Library. In the meantime other steps have been taken by the Commission, with the co-operation of librarians in New Westminster and Vancouver Public Libraries, to select and purchase books for the Boys' and Girls' Industrial Schools with funds made available for the purpose in the Commission's estimates.

At the annual meeting of the Vancouver Island Union Library Board of Management, the library tax rate was raised from 50c to 65c per capita. This brings "real income" up to approximately the original purchasing power of 40c per capita, established in 1936 when the library was founded. The Okanagan Union Library increased its tax rate from 50c to 60c. The Fraser Valley rate remains at 40c, but it is estimated that the provision of rent-free quarters for library branches brings up virtual gross income to around 50c per capita.

North Burnaby Public Library Association is improving its library by an addition to its building which will more than double present facilities. A special grant was made by the Commission to the Association for the purchase of reference and technical books.

Fires wiped out the libraries of two Associations in 1950: those at Westview and Tate Creek. Special grants were made by the Commission to assist in rehabilitation, which has been carried on with great zeal and vigour.

Ocean Falls Public Library Association has received increased grants from the Commission and from Pacific Mills, Ltd., and the board looks forward to greatly improved facilities and expanding service when plans are completed for the rebuilding of the company's recreational centre.

Library service has been resumed in Nakusp under the auspices of the Women's Institute and efforts are being made further to develop the library under the direction of a revived Public Library Association.

The effort made by Trail City Council to have the Public Libraries Act amended so as to weaken the authority of union library boards in the matter of library estimates, was defeated at the 1950 convention of the Union of B.C. Municipalities, where representatives of the Commission opposed the move. During the discussion senior officials of the Union spoke in highly complimentary terms of the work of the Commission throughout the Province. Library supporters in Trail are still hopeful of establishing a public library in the near future but there seems to be no indication of any weakening in the opposition of the city council.

Culminating extended negotiations with provincial authorities, permission has been granted Rossland Public Library Association to occupy rent-free quarters in the Rossland Court House vacated last November by the Liquor Control Board. This is a noteworthy phase of co-operation between the Provincial Government and local library authorities.

Recent changes in the personnel of the Commission's branches are the advancement of Miss Ann Bujea to succeed Mrs. Raymond Hill, who resigned from the Peace River Branch as of February 28; and the transfer of Miss Eleanor Stewart from headquarters, Victoria, to the North-Central Branch at Prince George.

Correction . . .

The budget statistics for the Vancouver Public Library, which appeared in the last issue of the Bulletin, were not correct. The following are the correct figures for 1950:

Total budget	$400,000
Books	49,500
Salaries	285,655
% for salaries	71%

Nominations

Nominations for next year's executive are now due. Names should be forwarded as soon as possible to Miss Irene McAfee, Vancouver Public Library, Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

BULLETIN BOARD

Victoria Public Library

After spending a year in temporary quarters, the Victoria Public Library begins to show signs of coming into its own at last. On Wednesday, February 7, the original cornerstone was relaid and became a part of the greatly enlarged library building. His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, Clarence Wallace, officiated at the ceremony, Mrs. M. E. Godson, recently re-elected chairman of the library board, presided and the Very Rev. G. R. Calvert, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, gave the dedicatory prayer. Although it was a rather depressingly rainy day, spirits were high as we watched part of a long dream materialize.

On February 19 the Reference Department re-opened in its former location—although it is difficult to realize now that it is the same building: walls have sprung out of nowhere and they have been painted a soft but striking Swedish red. Upon completion of the building, the "red room," temporarily serving as a reference and reading room, will become a fine arts room.

During the period that the Reference Department was without a home, temporary quarters were found for two of its staff in the Provincial Library, where telephone business, at least, continued as usual. Our great thanks are due the Provincial Librarian and his staff for the co-operation which made the arrangement possible and successful.

We have welcomed four new members to our staff in recent months. They are Miss Marion Bird, Miss Betty Calvert, Miss Daphne Syson, and Miss Margaret Shepherd, who comes to us from Scotland.

—Peggy Anderson.

Vancouver Public Library

The Dunbar branch library after a considerable delay, which had the unforseen effect of rousing intense interest in the building among the people of the community, was officially opened by the Hon. W. C. Straith, Minister of Education, on November 28th. The building, which is at 29th Ave. on Dunbar, is modern in design with effective use of colour in the interior. Different again in design from all the other new branches, it possesses those intangible qualities, character and charm. That the people of the area fully appreciate having it is apparent in the tremendous use being made of the 7,000 books with which the branch opened. Mrs. Betty Thornton is librarian in charge.

Collingwood branch is now under construction at the corner of Rupert St. and Kingsway and will be ready by April 1st, it is expected.

The whole library was saddened by the sudden illness of Miss Jessie Hotson on Christmas Eve. While she is still in the Vancouver General Hospital, her condition is improving slowly.

University of British Columbia

Dr. Leslie W. Dunlap, Librarian of the university for the past year and a half, left on January 26 for a teaching post at the University of Illinois Library School. The staff of the library honoured Dr. and Mrs. Dunlap at dinner in the Brock dining-room on January 23 and presented to the Librarian a water colour of a British Columbia scene. During the period until a new librarian is appointed, Miss Anne M. Smith, head of the Reference Division, will serve as Acting Librarian.

Mrs. David Little (Margaret Howieson), whose marriage took place last September, resigned in November from her position in the Catalogue Division and moved to Pullman, Washington, where her husband is on the staff of Washington State College.

Five appointments were made to the professional staff during the summer: Miss Elizabeth Norbury and Miss Ann Barton to the Catalogue Division, and Miss Grace Kent, Miss Catherine Pearce, and Miss Helen Lamont to the Reference Division. After Mrs. Little's resignation Miss Pearce was transferred to the Catalogue Division.

Following the establishment of a Faculty of Medicine in the university last summer, a medical reading room was provided in the library. Miss Ann Vlag, formerly of Prince George, joined the Reference Division and is now the professional librarian in charge of the medical reading room.

Library assistants who have joined the staff during the past few months are: Miss Beatrice

Brandt, Miss Eleanor Cock, and Mr. Inglis Bell in the Serials Division, Mr. Ted Rashleigh in Circulation, Mrs. Rosalind Petch and Miss Lydia Donis in the Catalogue Division, Miss Virginia Michas in Acquisitions, and Mrs. Colleen Murphy and Mr. Dean Bonney in Reference. Mrs. Ruby Kierans, who occupied a clerical position in the Catalogue Division, was transferred in December to a library assistant position in the Reference Division. Miss Winifred Marr joined the Serials Division in January as stenographer, replacing Mrs. Margaret Lloyd who resigned in December.

For the winter session the Circulation Division added to its clerical staff Mrs. Marie Patrick, Mrs. Isabel Ower, formerly on the staff of the University of Alberta Library, Miss Barbe Blackburn, Mrs. Georgina Locke, Mrs. Pearl Griffin, Mrs. Helen Fogarty, and Mrs. Betty Dahlie. Miss Rachel Corfield resigned her clerical position in the librarian's office in December and Mrs. Locke was transferred to that post from the Circulation Division.

One of the major undertakings of the library staff this year will be a Spring Fashion Show to be held on February 26, proceeds of which will be devoted to bursaries administered by the British Columbia Library Association. Under the chairmanship of Miss Dorothy Jefferd, head of the Catalogue Division of the library, the committee in charge of arrangements is planning what promises to be a successful and entertaining venture.

Prince Rupert Public Library

The circulation during the past year showed a substantial increase—total circulation in 1950 was 19,303, an increase of 1,501 over that for 1949. Many newcomers are making use of our library facilities.

We are hoping for more funds this year to build up the juvenile and teen-age sections, which are badly in need of attention, and also the technical section of the library.

The library received with regret the resignation of Miss Olive van Cooten, formerly Librarian, who has moved to Kelowna. Miss van Cooten has been succeeded by Miss May Macdonald.

Vancouver Island Union Library

As of January 11th, all full time and certain part time employees of the V.I.U.L. are covered by Medical Services Association benefits. We have been working on this since last spring—but could never raise the requisite number of people interested in such a scheme.

At the Annual Meeting, January 27, the V.I.-U.L. Board of Management approved a 65c per capita budget. The 1950, in fact 1946-1950, budgets were based on 50c per capita. This gives us the highest per capita rate for Union Libraries in B.C., F.V.U.L. is still 40c and O.U.L. passed a 60c at their Annual Meeting. The Board also talked of preparing their municipal councils, school boards, etc. for an 80c or 85c per capita in 1952—but that is in the future.

Our weekly broadcasts over Nanaimo station CHUB are now being recorded for later release to the Nanaimo schools.

Executive for Board of Management for 1951 is as follows: Chairman, George Darling (Nanaimo); Vice-Chairman, Ald. E. Cox (Alberni); Hon. Treasurer, Ald. A .C. Raikes (Port Alberni). This is the first time that any executive positions have gone out of the Nanaimo area.

Eleanor Munroe, our school librarian, left at the end of the year to become librarian at H.M.C.S. Naden.

Okanagan Union Library

Mr. C. K. Morison, Miss Margaret Clay, and Mr. E. S. Robinson, members of the Public Library Commission, attended our annual meeting in December. At a subsequent board meeting, held in January, our per capita rate was raised from 50c to 60c. Mayor Hughes-Games of Kelowna is the new chairman of the board.

Weather conditions in the interior have created considerable problems for our bookmobile service. In spite of the slippery roads, however, we have so far kept up all of our weekly schedules with the van.

—Agnes L. Stiell.

Provincial Library and Archives

Miss M. E. Holmes, Assistant Librarian, has returned to the library after a serious illness. It has been a great relief to welcome her back and to see her in such good health again.

The Provincial Archives is recovering from a complete redecoration. The walls now shine forth with paint instead of soot; the improvement is rather striking to anyone who remembers the Archives in its former comfortable, middle-aged, grimy glory.

National Film Board

Position Specification

DATE: January 9, 1951.

TITLE: Chief Librarian
BRANCH: Administration
SEX: Male
SALARY RANGE: $3900-4800 per annum

STATEMENT OF DUTIES

To direct and administer the various departmental libraries of the National Film Board, including film, photo, book and other libraries; to study present library services now in existence with a view to determining the nature and extent of co-ordination and revision of methods necessary to meet professional standards and to ensure economical operation; in conjunction with technical officers to provide for an examination, evaluation and classification of archival collections of visual material and to provide a reference service in connection therewith; to plan and execute any organizational or other changes necessary; to advise the director of administration of all matters relating to library policy; to represent the National Film Board in its dealings with other government departments, committees, national organizations and organizations of other countries, concerned with library or archival problems.

Note: It is not expected that the appointee will assume all of the above duties immediately, but rather will commence by acting for about a year as head of a film library concerned with servicing the film production operation and with the classification and storage of archival film material.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education: Graduation from a university of recognized standing with a Bachelor's degree in Arts or Science and also in Library Science.

Experience: At least seven years of professional library experience including several years in a position of administrative responsibility; experience in programs of library development involving microfilming, international indexing, budgets, etc., would be an advantage; some experience in a film library desirable but not necessary.

Languages: English and at least a reading knowledge of French.

Apply on Civil Service Application form (available at Post Offices and at National Film Board offices in Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Edmonton and Vancouver) to Personnel Manager, National Film Board, Ottawa, Canada.

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A Selection of Recent British Columbia Government Publications

Department of the Attorney-General.

Report of the commission appointed by the Attorney-General to inquire into the state and management of the gaols of British Columbia, 1950. 1950. 33 p.

Education department.

Provincial Museum.

Anthropology in British Columbia. No. 1, 1950. 45 p. Processed. The first issue of what is to be an annual survey of British Columbia anthropological research and publications.

Handbook No. 2) The Amphibians of British Columbia, by G. Clifford Carl. Second edition (first issued, June, 1943). Illustrations by Frank L. Beebe. 1950. 62 p.

(Occasional papers of the British Columbia Provincial Museum number 8.) The Birds and Mammals of the Creston region, British Columbia, by J. A. Munro, issued August, 1950. 1950. 90 p. Processed.

Finance department.

A Review of resources, production and governmental finances. Tenth edition—August 15th, 1950. 1950. 45 p. map.

Health and Welfare department

Health branch.

B.C.'s health; bulletin of the Department of Health and Welfare (Health branch). Vol. 1, No. 1. January, 1951.

Supercedes **Health bulletin of the British Columbia Department of Health and Welfare.**

Lands and Forests department.

(Bulletin no. 1 [Land series].) How to pre-empt land. 1950. 10 p.

(Bulletin no. 9 [Land series].) The British Columbia coast; Milbanke Sound to Portland Canal. 1950. 19 p.

(Bulletin no. 11 [Land series].) Quesnel land recording district. 1950. 35 p.

Forest service.

(Illustrated forest activities No. 1) The Harvest 1950. 13 pl.

Motion picture films; a catalogue of the educational films available from B.C. Forest Service. 1950. 15 p.

Trade and Industry department.

British Columbia Government Travel Bureau.

British Columbia's picturesque highways; an annotated guide. 1950. 34 p.: map.

Bureau of Economics and Statistics.

Monthly bulletin. Vol. 1, No. 1. October, 1950. Supersedes **Business activity in British Columbia** and **Monthly statement of external trade through British Columbia ports.**

Summary of business activity in British Columbia; years 1920-1950. (1951.) IV: 25 p. Mimeo.
Estimates only, for 1950.

Regional Development division.

Facts about irrigation and irrigable lands in the tree-fruits area of the Okanagan and Similkameen valleys. 1950. Map: 47 p.: 3 graphs. Processed.

Positions Vacant

The **Vancouver Island Union Library** requires an assistant librarian (salary, $2,280); a school librarian (salary, $2,160); and a cataloguer (salary, $2,160). Applications should be sent to the Librarian, Mr. Jack Lort, Vancouver Island Union Library, Nanaimo, B.C.

John Cotton Dana Publicity Awards

The John Cotton Dana Publicity Awards will be presented at the A.L.A. Conference in 1951 to those libraries submitting scrapbooks indicative of outstanding publicity during the past year. These awards are given by the WILSON LIBRARY BULLETIN in a contest sponsored jointly by the BULLETIN and the A.L.A. Public Relations Committee. Entry blanks, with directions for submitting material, must be mailed by April 10. Entry blanks are available from the A.L.A. Headquarters, and from John Cotton Dana Publicity Awards Contest, % WILSON LIBRARY BULLETIN, 950 University Avenue, New York 52.

Winning scrapbooks in previous contests may be borrowed by any library or organization.

All requests for such loans should be addressed to the John Cotton Dana Awards Committee, % WILSON LIBRARY BULLETIN, 950 University Avenue, New York 52, instead of A.L.A., as formerly.

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